

compound selected from the group consisting of: oxidized all-trans retinoic acid; oxidized 9-cis retinoic acid; and reduced 4-oxo-retinoic acid.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein said patient is administered oxidized all-trans retinoic acid.
26. The method of claim 24, wherein said patient is administered 9-cis retinoic acid.
27. The method of 24, wherein said patient is administered reduced 4-oxo-retinoic acid.
28. The method of any one of claims 24-27, wherein said compound is administered at a dose of between 0.1 mg and 100 mg.
29. The method of any one of claims 24-27, wherein the heart being transplanted is treated with said compound prior to surgery.
30. A method of treating a patient for atherosclerosis, comprising: administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of: 18-hydroxy-retinoic acid; 4-hydroxy-retinoic acid; 4-oxo-retinoic acid; and 3,4-didehydro-retinoic acid. --
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